

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of applying a plurality of common metrics to a product lifecycle, said method comprising:

 identifying a plurality of product phases that correspond to ~~[[the]]~~ a product lifecycle;

 selecting a common metric from a plurality of common metrics, one of the common metrics from the plurality of common metrics, wherein the selected common metric is applicable ~~spans the product lifecycle and corresponds to each~~ of the plurality of product phases;

 identifying a weighted priority of the selected common metric;

for each of the plurality of product phases, utilizing a processor to generate an amount of phase goals for the selected common metric ~~generating a number of phase goals for each of the plurality of product phases~~, wherein the amount of the phase goals generated for each of the plurality of product phases is dependent ~~number is based-upon~~ the weighted priority of the selected common metric;

 applying the generated number of phase goals for each of the plurality of product phases to their corresponding plurality of product phases; and

 executing each of the plurality of product phases using ~~[[the]]~~ their corresponding generated number of phase goals.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving one or more feedback responses from one or more feedback sources;
analyzing one of the feedback responses; and
generating each of the common metrics in response to the analysis.

4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein at least one of the feedback sources is selected from the group consisting of a customer survey, a help line response, a technical support response, and a field report.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of product phases is selected from the group consisting of a planning phase, a design phase, a development phase, a test phase, and a release phase.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the method is performed using an electronic computing device.
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20. (Canceled)
21. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of applying a plurality of common metrics to a product lifecycle, ~~said method~~ comprising:
 - receiving one or more feedback responses from one or more feedback sources, the feedback responses corresponding to the product lifecycle;
 - analyzing one of the feedback responses;
 - generating ~~each of the common metrics~~ a common metric in response to the analysis;
 - identifying a plurality of product phases that correspond to ~~[[the]]~~ a product lifecycle;
 - selecting the common metric, ~~one of the common metrics from the plurality of common metrics~~, wherein the selected common metric is applicable ~~spans the product lifecycle and corresponds to~~ each of the plurality of product phases;
 - identifying a weighted priority of the selected common metric;
 - for each of the plurality of product phases, utilizing a processor to generate an amount of phase goals for the selected common metric ~~generating a number of phase goals for each of the plurality of product phases~~, wherein the amount of the phase goals generated for each of the plurality of product phases is dependent ~~number is based upon~~ the weighted priority of the selected common metric;
 - applying the generated number of phase goals for each of the plurality of product phases to their corresponding plurality of product phases; and
 - executing each of the plurality of product phases using ~~[[the]]~~ their corresponding generated number of phase goals.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of ~~applying a plurality of common metrics to a product lifecycle, said method~~ comprising:
- receiving one or more feedback responses from one or more feedback sources, the feedback responses corresponding to the product lifecycle;
- analyzing one of the feedback responses, wherein the analyzing further includes assigning a weighted priority to correspond to the selected feedback response;
- generating ~~each of the common metrics~~ a common metric in response to the analysis;
- identifying a plurality of product phases that correspond to ~~[[the]]~~ a product lifecycle;
- selecting the common metric, ~~one of the common metrics from the plurality of common metrics,~~ wherein the selected common metric is applicable ~~spans the product lifecycle and corresponds to each of the plurality of product phases;~~
- identifying a weighted priority of the selected common metric;
- for each of the plurality of product phases, utilizing a processor to generate an amount of phase goals for the selected common metric ~~generating a number of phase goals for each of the plurality of product phases,~~ wherein the amount of the phase goals generated for each of the plurality of product phases is dependent ~~number is based upon the weighted priority of the selected common metric;~~
- applying the generated number of phase goals for each of the plurality of product phases to their corresponding plurality of product phases; and
- executing each of the plurality of product phases using ~~[[the]]~~ their corresponding generated number of phase goals.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)